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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes
Director of Public Works

PROPOSALS FOR SECURITY SERVICES AND REJECTION OF BURNS INTERNATIONAL SECURITY SERVICES, INC.'S PROPOSALS FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY'S CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE ORDINANCE

On your Board's January 14, 2003, agenda, we are recommending award of the security service contracts to Langner Security Services, Inc., for our headquarters complex and to California Security, Inc., for our field facilities.

We rejected the incumbent, Burns International Security Services, Inc., as nonresponsive because they indicated they would not comply with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance. Lawyers representing Burns sent the attached letter to the Executive Office explaining why Burns would not comply with the ordinance. In the letter, the lawyers requested that your Board delay the award of the contracts in order for your Board to consider granting Burns a special circumstances waiver of the ordinance.

We have not recommended the granting of a special circumstances waiver for two reasons: 1) all of the other proposers (13 for the headquarters and 12 for the field facilities) indicated that they would comply with the ordinance and 2) in a memorandum to your Board dated December 10, 2002, the Chief Administrative Officer, County Counsel, and Auditor-Controller recommended that the special circumstances waiver not be granted merely because a contractor claims they cannot afford to implement the ordinance. Based on the letter from Burns' lawyer, their sole justification for the granting of the waiver is the cost to Burns to provide all of their full-time, California-based employees five days of paid jury service annually.

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We understand from senior staff of Burns at our headquarters, that representatives of Burns might testify at your meeting on January 14, 2003. The existing security service contracts expire January 31, 2003. If your Board decides to continue these items and, therefore, delay the award of the new contracts past February 1, 2003, we will request authority from your Board to extend the existing contracts on a week-to-week basis (\$9,000 weekly for the headquarters and \$13,500 weekly for the field facilities).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may call me or your staff may contact Don Wolfe, Assistant Director, at (626) 458-4014.

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